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SUBJ: RTG INTEREST IN FMS PURCHASE OF F-5 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 190398

1. THE RTAF REQUEST FOR PRICING AND A LETTER OF OFFER AND
ACCEPTANCE FOR 13 F-5E AND 3 F-5F AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED WITHIN MOD, BUT PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE THE FULL
STATUS OF AN RTG REQUEST.

2. EMBASSY/MACTHAI HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED THAT THIS REQUEST
WOULD BE MAP SUPPORTED NOR THAT IT COULD BE ANY MORE THAN
A PARTIAL FMS CREDIT CASE. IN ANY EVENT, FMS CREDITS
AVAILABLE TO THAILAND THIS YEAR HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED
AND PROJECTED CREDITS WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER
THIS TRANSACTION, TO WHICH WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT ACCORD
HIGH PRIORITY IN TERMS OF THAI NEEDS. IT HAS BEEN OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RTAF WOULD SEEK OUTSIDE FINANCING
FOR THIS PROJECT BUT WE DOUBT THAT THEY CAN CONCLUDE SUCH
ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THE LOA EXPIRY DATE OF SEPTEMBER 15.

3. THE PURCHASE OF THESE AIRCRAFT, AT THIS POINT, IS
MOSTLY A GLEAM IN RTAF'S EYE AND THEY PROBABLY DO NOT
HAVE THE MONEY. IF, HOWEVER, THE RTG FEELS A REAL NEED
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FOR THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, AFTER EXAMINING THEIR HIGHER

PRIORITIES, AND INSISTS ON PURCHASING SUCH AIRCRAFT ON
THE WORLD MARKET, WE WOULD SUPPORT THE SALE OF AN AMERICAN
PRODUCT. WE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OBJECT OR TO
REFUSE TO SUPPLY PRICE AND AVAILABILITY, ESPECIALLY TO AN
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